

JOHN E.ROSS.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

John E. Ross was one of the early settlers of Lehi, having arrived here in November, 1853. He has probably done more in an educational way for Lehi than any other man, having taught in the local schools for twenty-nine years without a break. When he commenced teaching there were no free schools in Utah and his pay in the earlier days consisted of various kinds of produce.

He served fourteen years as city recorder and was an excellent penman. He also served two years as city alderman. He has also been a religious worker, serving twenty-five years in the Sunday Schools.

He was an Indian war veteran, serving in the Black Hawk War in 1866. He was a teamster in his youth. In 1861 he drove four yoke of cattle across the plains, back to Florence for immigrants, and in 1864 he drove a six-mule team to Los Angeles for freight for John R. Murdock.

Mr. Ross was the son of Stephen W. and Jane Ross and was born in Newark, New Jersey, January 13, 1840. His father died when he was 9 years of age, and the year following he came with his mother to Council Bluffs, Iowa.

In 1852 they came to Salt Lake City, and the year following came to Lehi. July 1, 1865, he married Amanda Norton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Norton, who were also among the first settlers of Lehi.